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Come One, Come All to the Fair!!

On Friday, July 20th, Iowa Northern conducted its first CM/ECF Fair, in its training room in Cedar Rapids.

Response to Fair invitations, as well as attendance itself, was much greater than anticipated. In total, twenty seven members of the Northern District's bankruptcy community participated in the introductory event.

The fair kicked off at 2:30 p.m. with a system/implementation plan overview presented by the Bankruptcy Clerk, Sean McAvoy and the Court's System Manager (and CM/ECF Project Manager) Kirk Leggott. Shortly after a brief question and answer period, Iowa Northern's Operations Manager, Jean Hekel, led the audience through opening a case on CM/ECF and uploading documents into the system. The attendees were then provided the opportunity to sign onto a training computer, log into the CM/ECF training database and open a case on their own.

According to Sean, "The interest expressed in the system and its capabilities was overwhelming. Not only were attorneys asking how quickly Iowa Northern could get this program on line, but many were volunteering to assist the Court in its process, procedure and rule review, hoping to expedite the process." He further predicted, "If this level of enthusiasm from the bankruptcy community holds throughout the conversion and implementation process, the electronic filing initiative within the Northern District will be a guaranteed success."



CM/ECF Fairs Hit the Road

Iowa Northern has just released a schedule of dates, times and locations for the next round of CM/ECF fairs to be held during the month of August. Members of the Cedar Rapids and Sioux City staff will be traveling to each of the Court locations within the Northern District to bring the program to the local area bankruptcy attorneys, their support staff and all others interested in electronic filing.



August CM/ECF Fair Schedule

Waterloo

August 6th

8:30-10:30 AM

Dubuque

August 6th

2:30-4:30 PM

Cedar Rapids

August 13th

2:30-4:30 PM

Sioux City

August 15th

2:30-4:30 PM

Fort Dodge

August 22nd

4:00-6:00 PM

Mason City

August 23rd

9:00-11:00 AM

For more information about the Fair schedule, please visit the CM/ECF Information Center on Iowa Northern's website at www.ianb.uscourts.gov or contact Becky Hoefer at rebecca_hoefer@ianb.uscourts.gov.